

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

a/ 1. (Currently Amended) In a A method for manufacturing a tire reinforcement, made from a reinforcement delivered by feed means imparting to a reinforcement a forward movement at a given linear speed in the longitudinal direction of the reinforcement, by depositing sections of said reinforcement on a support and retaining said sections on the support by adherence to the latter, ~~said method comprising~~ the improvement comprising:

sliding said reinforcement in a tubular guide defining a cutoff point;

driving a knife by means of a rotary shaft control along a closed path causing the knife to move in one way bringing ~~which brings~~ the knife into the environment of the cutoff point,

wherein the knife being active is advanced to cut at the cutoff point on-demand at every n passage in the environment of the cutoff point,

wherein n is greater than or equal to two.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the path lies within a plane.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reinforcement is applied in the support by an application roller bearing on the support, said roller being driven in rotation by the movement of the support, the distance between the point of contact of the application roller on the support and the cutoff point corresponding at most to the length of the sections.

5-8. (Withdrawn)